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TOPIC Soviet Ammunition Depots

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1. At the beginning of September 1951, a heavily guarded Soviet ammunition depot was observed near Auerbach (N 51/K 32), northeast of Obere Railroad Station, just east of the road leading to Rodewisch. (1) There were about 50 men in the guard unit. Heavy traffic of trucks was observed, which

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2. In mid-September, [REDACTED] ammunition, mostly artillery ammunition was periodically shipped from the ammunition depot at Dannenwalde toward Zehdenick-Vogelsang. Five trucks [REDACTED] were identified on 15 September. (3)

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3. In mid-September, [REDACTED] a large installation, allegedly an ammunition depot, was under construction northwest of Tiefenbrunn, along the Jauerbog-Alter Lager-Treuenbrietzen road. The building site begins at about kilometer mark 9.7 and extends as far as kilometer mark 20.1. Five or six watchtowers, which were occupied, had been erected at the site. The road passing the area was off limits to civilian traffic. (4)

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25X1A [REDACTED] Comments.

- (1) The ammunition depot at Auerbach, also referred to as depot at Rebengruen, may be an explosives depot of the Wismut Corporation in the uranium mining area, [REDACTED]. This hypothesis is supported by the motor vehicle [REDACTED] reported. 25X1A 25X1C

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- (2) The motor vehicles belong to the MGB, a headquarters unit of the First Gds. Army and to the Wismut Corporation.

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- (3) The ammunition depot at Dannenwalde was previously reported. It has [REDACTED] 25X1C

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- 25X1C [REDACTED]. According to reports on rail movements, large quantities of ammunition have been shipped to Insterburg. No incoming shipments were listed. [REDACTED] 25X1A

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- (4) The depot is believed to be well stocked. The trucks mentioned in the present report belong to the 25th Tank Div of the Fourth Ods Vozz Army. In view of the decentralization of Soviet supply installations now under way, the construction of a new ammunition depot northwest of Tiefenbrunn is considered credible because numerous depots are located in the Jueterbog area.

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